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SUBJECT: REACTION TO LOS CONFERENCE, THE HORA AND AEGEAN CONCESSIONS

1. HEAD OF THE TURKISH LOS CONFERENCE DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR
NECMETTIN TUNCEL, IN A PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF HIS VIEWS OF THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEW YORK SESSION,
SAID THAT THE NEW SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT (SNT) "REFLECTS TURKISH
VIEWS" AND WAS MORE FAVORABLE TO TURKEY THAN THE PREVIOUS SNT.
TUNCEL, ACCORDING TO MAY 8 MILLIYET, REPORTED THAT TURKEY'S

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MAIN INTERESTS AT THE CONFERENCE WERE EXITS TO OPEN SEAS,

BOUNDARIES, AND COOPERATION IN SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS, AND THAT
"THERE HAS BEEN SOME APPROACH TO OUR VIEWS ON THESE POINTS."

2. ACCORDING TO MAY 7 MILLIYET, THE TURKISH SEISMIC SHIP
HORA WILL NOT BEGIN ITS SURVEY OPERATIONS IN THE AEGEAN UNTIL
JULY. IN AN ARTICLE BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE
MINERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MTA), NILUFER YALCIN REPORTED
THAT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING COMPUTERS, WILL BE
MOUNTED ON THE HORA AT THE END OF JUNE AND AFTER TEN DAYS
OF SEA TRIALS, THE VESSEL WOULD SAIL FOR THE AEGEAN.

3. ACCORDING TO YALCIN, THE 1000 TON HORA, WHICH WILL OPERATE
AS A MTA VESSEL, WAS PURCHASED FROM THE MARITIME BANK FOR
30 MILLION TURKISH LIRA (TL 16 EQUALS US 1), INCLUDING OVER-
HAULING AND HAS HAD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT NALUED AT AN ADDITIONAL
25 MILLION TL INSTALLED. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE HORA
WILL HAVE A COMPLETELY TURKISH CREW OF 20 SAILORS AND 20
TECHNICIANS, NINE OF WHOM RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE U.S.
FROM THE COMPANIES WHO PROVIDED THE NEWLY ACQUIRED EQUIPMENT.
ACCORDING TO YALCIN, THE VESSEL HAS "COMPUTER DIRECTED COMMUNICATION
EQUIPMENT" LINKED TO THE NAVIGATIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEM. (A SENIOR
MTA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT THE HORA HAD SOME CAPACITY FOR
UTILIZATION OF THE NAVSATT SYSTEM.)

4. MFA AEGEAN/LOS AFFAIRS CHIEF TURMEN TOLD EMBOFF MAY 7
THAT "AS OF THE MOMENT" NO NEW AEGEAN LICENSES FOR OIL
EXPLORATION HAD BEEN GRANTED TO THE TURKISH PETROLEUM
OFFICE (TPAO). HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT LICENSES WOULD BE
GRANTED IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DO SO IN ORDER TO "PROTECT
TURKEY'S INTERESTS IN THE AEGEAN." TURMEN INDICATED THAT
FUTURE LICENSES WOULD BE GRANTED WHERE THERE WERE "GAPS" IN
THE PRESENT CONCESSIONARY AREAS.
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